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2018 FAIRS Export Certificate Report

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Report Highlights:

This report provides information on export certificates that the Government of Algeria requires. The Ministry of Agriculture has legislative responsibility for domestic food production and for health and safety aspects of imported agricultural and food products. The Ministry of Commerce is responsible for all food inspections, quality control, anti-fraud activities, and regulation, as well as labeling regulations and laboratory inspections.

Section I. List of All Export Certificates Required By Government (Matrix) :

All imported food and goods are subject to the control of the conformity at ports of entry in compliance with [the Executive Decree no 05-467 of December 10, 2005](#), which was published in the Journal Official (Journal Officiel) (JO.) No [80 of December 11, 2005](#). The control of the conformity at ports of entry is carried out by a joint team composed of inspectors from the following Ministries: Commerce, Agriculture, Customs, Transport in accordance with the terms and conditions under the provisions of the [Executive Decree No 90-39 of January 30, 1990](#), (published in JO. No 05 of January 31, 1990) as amended and supplemented. However, primarily inspectors from the veterinary services and the phytosanitary and plant protection inspectors of the Ministry of Agriculture carry out the sanitary and phytosanitary controls.

A certificate of conformity and quality as well as a certificate of origin are mandatory for all imported products along with the customs documents (See Section IV).

In compliance with the [Executive Decree no 93-286 of November 23, 1993](#), a phytosanitary control is mandatory for all plants, vegetal products and plant materials as defined in the article 2 of the [law no 87-17 of August 1987](#) (published in the JO. No.32 of August 05, 1987). The phytosanitary authority represented by the Plant Protection and Technical Control Directorate (DPVCT) at the Ministry of Agriculture controls the phytosanitary certificates.

A sanitary veterinary certificate is mandatory for all animals and products with animal origin and the Veterinary Services with the Chief Veterinary Officer at the Ministry of Agriculture regulates the sanitary veterinary certificates for animals and products with animal origin. The [Executive Decree No 91-452 of November 16, 1991](#) (published in the JO. No 59 of November 20, 1991), regulates the veterinary inspections at borders posts.

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
Food Products non animal origin	Certificate of conformity – certificate of origin		certify that the goods are in compliance with the Algeria's technical regulations and standards	Ministry of Commerce
Seeds	Phytosanitary certificate for Reexport-Certificate of conformity & quality – certificate of origin	-Non GMO attestation required -International Orange Seed Certificate (ISTA) - technical import authorization	Originals to be presented at port of entry	Ministry of Agriculture Phytosanitary directorate (DPVCT)
Dairy	Health Export	Certificate of analysis	Originals to be	Ministry of

Products	Certificate For Milk and Milk Products for Algeria -Certificate of conformity & quality – certificate of origin	from a certified laboratory to be presented at the port of entry with the sanitary certificate	presented at port of entry	Agriculture Veterinary Services (DSV)
Turkey day-old chicks & hatching eggs	Health Certificate for Exportation of Turkey Hatching Eggs and Turkey One-Day Old Poults- Certificate of conformity – certificate of origin	Health certificates require original ink signatures from the issuing USDA Accredited Veterinarian and the endorsing APHIS Veterinary Medical Officer with the application of the APHIS embossed seal.	Originals to be presented at port of entry	Ministry of Agriculture Veterinary Services (DSV)
Chicken Day-old hatching eggs	Health Certificate for Export of Hatching Eggs and one day-old-chicks of Gallus-gallus- Certificate of conformity – certificate of origin	Health certificate is under discussion. <u>No trade allowed.</u>		Ministry of Agriculture Veterinary Services (DSV)
Beef cattle	Sanitary veterinary Certificate for export of beef cattle from the U.S. to Algeria	Health certificate is under discussion. <u>No trade allowed.</u>		Ministry of Agriculture Veterinary Services (DSV)
Breeding cattle	Sanitary veterinary Certificate for export of breeding cattle from the U.S. to Algeria	The Algerian and the U.S regulatory agencies have not reached an agreement. <u>Trade not allowed</u>		Ministry of Agriculture Veterinary Services (DSV)
Bovine semen	Sanitary veterinary Certificate for export of Bovine Semen from the U.S. to Algeria	Health certificate is under discussion. <u>No trade allowed.</u>		Ministry of Agriculture Veterinary Services (DSV)
Bovine Embryos	Sanitary veterinary Certificate for export of Bovine Embryos from the U.S. to Algeria	Health certificate is under discussion. <u>No trade allowed.</u>		Ministry of Agriculture Veterinary Services (DSV)
		Health certificate will	Originals to be	Ministry of

Beef	9060-5 not accepted	be discussed <u>No trade allowed</u>	presented at port of entry	Agriculture Veterinary Services (DSV)
Grains	Phytosanitary Certificate - FGIS – certificate of origin- certificate of conformity & quality –certificate of Fumigation- certificate of non- radioactivity (isotopic)	<u>Trade allowed</u>	Originals to be presented at port of entry	Ministry of Agriculture Phytosanitary directorate (DPVCT)
Tree Nuts	Phytosanitary certificate - certificate of conformity & quality – certificate of origin	<u>Trade allowed</u>	Originals to be presented at port of entry	Ministry of Agriculture Phytosanitary directorate (DPVCT)

For additional information:

- APHIS: [Live Animals](#), [Animal Products](#), and [Plant Products](#)
- FSIS: [Meat and Poultry](#)
- [AMS](#)

Section II. Purpose of Specific Export Certificate(s)

Algeria has a sanitary veterinary certificate specimen for all animal products and products with animal origin. However, the veterinary services at the Ministry of Agriculture discusses certificates bilaterally with countries to meet the requirements. Regarding to the trade with the U.S. two certificates were agreed on recently; milk and milk products and turkey hatching eggs and one-day chicks). Several other certificates are still under discussions.

Section III. Specific Attestations Required on Export Certificate(s)

Sanitary certificates for Algeria are issued in French and English.

For dairy products Algeria has negotiated specific language on the sanitary certificate. worksheets and guidelines are listed in the following links: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/imports-exports/dairy-exports/dairy-sanitary-certificates>

Section IV. Government Certificate's Legal Entry Requirements

In Algeria, the Algerian Ministry of Commerce regulates food inspections, quality control and combating fraud, as well as labeling and laboratory inspections. Information regarding food inspection,

quality control and labeling can be found at the Ministry of Commerce's website:
<https://www.commerce.gov.dz/reglementation>.

The Ministry of Agriculture has the legislative responsibility for domestic food production and for the health and safety aspects of imported agriculture and food products into Algeria. Information related to domestic production and imported agricultural products can be found at the Ministry of Agriculture's website: <http://www.minagri.dz/>.

A certificate of conformity and quality as well as a certificate of origin are mandatory for all imported products along with the customs documents (bill of lading and commercial invoice). The regulation regarding the conformity control at the borders can be found at:

<https://www.commerce.gov.dz/reglementation/decret-executif-n-deg-05-467>

The control of the conformity is performed before the clearance of the imported products based on a file presented to the inspectorate at the borders by the importer or by his duly authorized representative. The file includes:

- the declaration of the importation of the product, duly filled in by the importer
- a certified copy of the extract from the trade register
- a certified copy of the invoice
- the original of any other document (sanitary and phytosanitary) required by the regulations in force and relating to the conformity of the imported products.

More information on Customs can be found at:

<http://www.douane.gov.dz/Formalites%20de%20dedouanement.html>

Effective October 22, 2017, a new requirement to regulate imports of products destined for resale as is, was enforced. The requirements apply to non-agricultural as well as, agricultural products. Any imported goods for resale as is, requires the importer to deposit at least equal to 120% of the import transaction value with an Algerian Bank, 30 days prior to shipment. More information can be found in FAS reports:

https://gain.fas.usda.gov/Recent%20GAIN%20Publications/New%20Payment%20Requirement%20on%20Imports%20_Algers_Algeria_11-6-2017.pdf).

Effective January 1, 2018, banking domiciliation's applications must include the following documents

- a) - Sanitary and Phytosanitary certificates delivered to the importer by the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries regarding imports of (bananas, wheat, barley, garlic, beef and fish except sardines).
- b) - Prior technical authorization delivered by the Ministry of Commerce related to the import of cosmetics and toxic products
- c) - Certificate of free movement of the product in the country of origin or provenance, established by a duly empowered authority in the exporting country and / or of origin attesting that the goods to be imported except (bananas, wheat, barley, beef, garlic and fish), are actually and freely marketed on their territory in accordance with the provisions under the article 12 of the executive decree no12-203 of May 06, 2012 relating to the rules applicable for security of the products.

https://gain.fas.usda.gov/Recent%20GAIN%20Publications/New%20Payment%20Requirement%20on%20Imports%20_Algers_Algeria_11-6-2017.pdf).

Section V. Other Certification/Accreditation Requirements

[The Order of May 7, 2015](#) (published in the JO. No44 of August 19, 2015) modifies and completes [the Order of July 14, 2002](#), (published in the JO. No 62 September 15, 2002) that establishes the list of plant varieties that require authorization prior to importation and specifies the phytosanitary requirements. Importation of seeds and plants for reproduction and / or propagation is subject to technical [import authorization prior to importation](#).

The phytosanitary authority (DPVCT) of the Ministry of Agriculture issues the import authorization at the request of the importer at least thirty (30) days before the planned date of import. This authorization is valid for three (03) months from the date of its signature and is only valid for one introduction.

The importer must submit an application file to request officially [the importation of seeds and seedlings](#).

The file consist of the following parts:

- a request for the technical import authorization
- the agreement of the activity if the importer is producing seeds and seedlings
- the agreement of the activity if the importer is selling seeds and seedlings
- a farmer's identification card for those engaged in agricultural production
- a phytosanitary certificate issued by the official phytosanitary services of the production zone that must be free, attesting that the plant material is subject to control and monitoring by the phytosanitary services of the production area;
- a certification scheme for certified material or product
- a certificate of non-GMO attesting that the plant material has not undergone any transfer or modification of genes.
- an International Orange newsletter (for any dry seed).

Forms are available for potato seeds and plant material of seedling at:

http://www.minagri.dz/WEB%20DPVCT/procedures_importation.html

[The Order of April 7, 2004](#) (published in JO. No 07 of January 23, 2005) amends and supplements the Order of May 21, 1995 fixing the phytotechnical and phytosanitary standards for imports of seeds and seedlings of the vegetables, cereals, fruits and viticulture. This decree list the crops and seeds with the standards for (varietal purity, humidity, germination rates for the different categories as well as the phytosanitary standards for seeds.

A certificate of non-GMO attesting that the plant material has not undergone any transfer or modification of genes is required. Genetically engineered plant material importation, production, distribution, and commercialization as well as their utilization is prohibited by the Ministry of Agriculture's Decree of December 24, 2000 (published in the Official Journal on January 7, 2001) except for research purposes. The plant material includes live plants or pieces of live plants, including their dormant buds, tendrils, grafts, tubers, rhizomes, cuttings, shoots, seeds intended for propagation and reproduction.

Regarding animal products: the [Executive Decree No 91-452 of November 16, 1991](#) (published in the JO. No 59 of November 20, 1991), regulates the veterinary inspections at borders posts. All the products

listed in the law are subject to a [sanitary authorization prior to import](#) called commonly “derogation sanitaire” except processed products with animal origin, concentrates for animal feed and pets. This authorization certifies that no reportable disease has been reported in the country of origin of the import. This document is delivered by the official veterinary services at the Ministry of Agriculture.

Appendix I. Electronic Copy or Outline of Each Export Certificate

Model Certificate to Export Turkey Hatching Eggs and Turkey one-day-old Poults from the U.S to Algeria

Health Certificate No. / *Certificat Sanitaire No* _____ (Valid only if the USDA Veterinary Seal appears over the certificate no.) / (*Valide seulement si le cachet vétérinaire de l’USDA apparaît au-dessus du No du certificat.*)

**HEALTH CERTIFICATE
FOR EXPORTATION OF TURKEY HATCHING EGGS
AND TURKEY ONE-DAY-OLD POULTS
FROM UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO ALGERIA
CERTIFICAT SANITAIRE
POUR L’EXPORTATION D’OEUFs A COUVER DE DINDES
ET DE DINDONNEAUX D’UN JOUR
DES ETATS-UNIS D’AMERIQUE VERS L’ALGERIE**

Exporting Country / Pays exportateur:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

LES ETATS-UNIS D’AMÉRIQUE

Country of Destination / Pays destinataire:

Algeria / *Algérie*

Competent Authority / Autorité Compétente:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) /

DEPARTEMENT DE L’AGRICULTURE DES ETATS-UNIS (USDA)

Animal Identification / Identification du produit :

See Attachment # 1 / Voir pièce jointe # 1

Total Number of poults or eggs: / Nombre Total de dindonneaux ou d’OEufs: _____

Name and address of the exporter of hatching eggs or poults / Nom et adresse de l’exportateur d’oeufs à couvrir ou de dindonneaux:

Name, address and registration number of the hatchery of origin or farm of origin. / *Nom, adresse et numéro d'immatriculation du couvoir d'origine ou exploitation d'origine.*

1 Health Certificate No. / *Certificat Sanitaire No* _____
(Valid only if the USDA Veterinary Seal appears over the certificate no.) / (*Valide seulement si le cachet vétérinaire de l'USDA apparaît au-dessus du No du certificat.*)

II. DESTINATION OF THE ANIMALS / *Destination des Animaux:*

1. Name and address of the importer / *Nom et adresse de l'importateur:*

2. Means of Transport / *Moyens de Transport :*

3. Routing of Poults or Eggs / *Itinéraire des dindonneaux et des oeufs*

a. point of embarkation in USA / *Lieu d'embarquement aux USA*

b. from USA to Algeria (indicate airlines and airway bill numbers, countries of transit if any) / *En provenance des USA vers l'Algérie (Indiquez la compagnie aérienne, les numéros des lettres de transport aériens ainsi que les pays de transit s'il ya lieu.)*

III. CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS / *ATTESTATION:*

The undersigned USDA-accredited veterinarian hereby certifies the following in relation to the animals /eggs described above: / *Je soussigné, vétérinaire officiel du Département de l'Agriculture des Etats-Unis certifie que les animaux / les oeufs décrits ci-dessus, remplissent les conditions sanitaires suivantes:*

A. Hatching eggs and one-day poults come from an area free from Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) for the last six months and Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) for 3 months provided that stamping out policy (including disinfection of all affected establishments) is applied, if not, this period is extended to 12 months. / *Les oeufs à couvrir et les dindonneaux d'un jour proviennent d'une / de zone(s) indemne(s) de maladie de Newcastle Exotique depuis au moins six (06) mois et d'Influenza Aviaire Hautement Pathogène depuis trois (03) mois à condition qu'une stratégie d'éradication y soit appliquée (désinfection de tous les établissements affectés inclus), autrement, cette période sera étendue à 12 mois.*

B. Hatching eggs and one-day poult come from a reproductive center accredited by the National Poultry Improvement Plan of the US Department of Agriculture, and the farms are subject to official Veterinary Sanitary control. / *Les oeufs à couvrir et les dindonneaux d'un jour proviennent d'un centre de reproduction agréé par le Plan National de l'Amélioration Avicole de l'USDA et les exploitations sont soumises au contrôle sanitaire vétérinaire officiel.*

2 Health Certificate No. / *Certificat Sanitaire No* _____
(Valid only if the USDA Veterinary Seal appears over the certificate no.) / *(Valide seulement si le cachet vétérinaire de l'USDA apparaît au-dessus du No du certificat.)*

C. The farm of origin or hatching center has been free of: Avian infectious Bronchitis; Avian Cholera; Encephalomyelitis; Fowl Pox; Infectious Laryngotracheitis; Mycoplasmosis; Infectious Bursal disease; Ornithosis-Psittacosis; Tuberculosis for last three months. / *L'exploitation d'origine ou le couvoir est indemne de : Bronchite infectieuse aviaire, Choléra aviaire, Encephalomyélite aviaire, Variole aviaire, Laryngotracheite infectieuse aviaire- Mycoplasmes aviaire - Maladie de Gumboro- Ornithose- Psittacose- Tuberculose depuis les trois (03) derniers mois.*

D. Hatching eggs and one-day poult come exclusively from a hatchery center and facility that are officially free from Mycoplasmosis and Pullorum disease. / *Les oeufs à couvrir et les dindonneaux d'un jour proviennent exclusivement d'un couvoir et d'un établissement officiellement indemne de Mycoplasmoses et de Pullorose.*

E. One-day poult designated in the certificate are healthy and free of signs of any disease related to the species at the day of shipment. / *Les dindonneaux d'un jour désignés dans le certificat sont en bonne santé et ne présentent, au jour de l'expédition, aucun signe des maladies propres à l'espèce.*

F. Hatching eggs and one-day poult in this shipment come from breeding flocks that have been vaccinated for Newcastle disease more than four (04) weeks before export with inactivated vaccine or Lentogenic Live vaccine. / *Les oeufs à couvrir et les dindonneaux d'un jour constituant le présent envoi, proviennent d'élevages de reproduction vaccinés contre la maladie de Newcastle depuis plus de quatre (04) semaines avant l'exportation à l'aide d'un vaccin inactivé ou d'un vaccin vivant de souche lentogène.*

G. Parents and Grand parents as well as farms and hatcheries of origin of the turkey poult are certified as free from the following diseases: Salmonella pullorum, S. gallinarum, S. enteritidis, S. typhimurium and S. arizonae; Mycoplasma gallisepticum, M. synoviae and M. meleagridis. / *Les parentaux et grands parentaux, ainsi que les exploitations et les couvoirs d'origine des dindonneaux sont certifiés par les services vétérinaires officiels, comme étant indemnes des maladies suivantes: Salmonella pullorum, S. gallinarum, S. enteritidis, S. typhimurium and S. arizonae; Mycoplasma gallisepticum, M. synoviae and M. meleagridis.*

H. The Parent stock have been vaccinated for: / *Les parentaux ont été vaccinés contre :*

3 Health Certificate No. / <i>Certificat Sanitaire No</i>	Type of	Stock /	Lot numb	Manufactur er /	Vaccinati on
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